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HART ANSWERS BARUCH, OPPOSES PEACE-TIME REGIMENTATION

Asks Cleanup of Communist Influence In U. S. Government

Following the sensational proposals of Bernard M. Baruch, perennial "elder statesman" of the New Deal, who suggested to the Senate Armed Services Committee on March 29th that America should adopt a regimented economy, NEC President Merwin K. Hart replied in a blistering statement to the Committee. Significant excerpts:

"Any people wishing to subject themselves to slavery can adopt such proposals at any time. If adopted by us now in peace-time, we would never lose them within any foreseeable period. . . . The United States was able to contribute vast production in two world wars only because of the freedom that has made our private enterprise possible. . . . Subjected to regimentation in peace-time, this country's economic system would be debilitated and corroded and its capacity to produce for another world war . . . destroyed."

After reviewing U. S. policies which gave away the fruits of military victory and placed Russia in a position to threaten freedom throughout the world, and which he called "stupid, if not traitorous," Hart declared:

"This Congress can do nothing more in the interest of the United States than first to clean out the Communists and others under whose influence we have been brought to the brink of disaster."

"I believe that a large majority of this Congress is patriotic, able and desirous of doing good, to and for our country. . . .

"There are strong reasons for believing that if communist infiltration is allowed to continue, the whole job of conquering the United States could presently be done in a week or two and wholly from the inside. . . . Naturally America needs to be strong abroad, and you will see that it is made so. But I think you will do well, while these recommendations are being sifted, to concentrate aggressively on the internal

threats to the United States. . . ."

A few copies of the entire statement are available until the supply is exhausted.

WHO DECIDES FOREIGN POLICY?

Self-explanatory telegram sent by NEC President Merwin K. Hart to Carroll Reece, Chairman of the Republican National Committee after left-wing clamor over inclusion of Spain in ERP had resulted in dropping that country from the list in the conference report adopted by both Houses:

WE WISH TO REGISTER A PROTEST AGAINST THE EXCLUSION OF SPAIN BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE FROM THE MARSHALL PLAN. THIS SEEMS TO US TO REFLECT CLEARLY THE CONTINUED LEFT-WING INFLUENCE IN OUR GOVERNMENT. IT IS A CONTINUATION OF THE SAME CRAVEN FOREIGN POLICY THAT HAS LITERALLY DESTROYED THE FRUITS OF MILITARY VICTORY AND HAS BROUGHT ON THE PRESENT DISASTROUS WORLD SITUATION. WHY SHOULD WE LEAVE TO THE SIXTEEN NATIONS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ADMIT SPAIN OR NOT? WHOSE MONEY IS IT THAT IS BEING PUT UP ANYWAY? INCIDENTALLY, I THINK CONTINUANCE OF THIS SUBSERVIENT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND ALIEN-MINDED AMERICANS IS DEPRIVING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF THE CHANCE TO GIVE THE VOTERS AT THE POLLS NEXT FALL THE CHOICE BETWEEN THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE AND SOCIALISM IF NOT COMMUNISM. THEY HAVE NOT HAD THAT CHANCE FOR SIXTEEN YEARS. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN LEAD YOUR PARTY TO VICTORY NEXT FALL BY CONTINUING TO FOLLOW MEEKLY THE NEW DEAL?

ITO DECISION SEEN FOR 1948

NEC Prepares For Struggle

When the Havana Conference on the ITO (International Trade Organization) adjourned on March 24, it had ready the completed plan for a New Deal to collectivize the World. While in the words of some observers the ITO structure finally ended with more loopholes than regulations, the shrewd bargaining of the International Planners had preserved the essential features of their new scheme for a World controlled economy. The "concessions," like the phony description of ITO as "World free trade," were calculated only to distract attention from its real nature.

Last year, before and during the Geneva meeting which preceded that at Havana, NEC warned the American public of the inwardness of the ITO designs upon the economic freedom of the U.S.A. Subsequently it kept close watch on what happened at Havana and is fully informed of the divagations and deals behind the scenes by which U.S. bureaucrats finally got the kind of document they wanted.

Adoption of ITO will mean eventual loss of all real economic freedom by those who are trying to practice it in the U.S.A. and, taken together with other moves being coordinated in the UN and other UN agencies, will mean eventual loss of political freedom as well.

Last year NEC raised a special fund to study and publicize real meaning of ITO, with solid results. The "Character" for ITO will doubtless be presented to Congress this Spring.

NEC announces that it is preparing to fight ITO every inch of the way. Therefore it will raise this year a fund to bring home to every nook and corner of America the truth about ITO—its origin, backing, methods and results. All who desire to keep America economically and politically free are urged to contribute to it, as an extra, emergency effort.

LANGSTON HUGHES BOUNCES IN RUBBER CAPITAL

Langston Hughes, famed Negro Communist poet, whose most widely quoted verse is the blasphemous "Good-bye Christ!" spent part of the month of March being bounced from place to place in Akron, Ohio, rubber manufacturing capital of the world.

Hughes was brought to Akron by the "Council on Race Relations," of which the Rev. Alva I. Cox is chairman. Cox is also Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the North East Ohio district of the Methodist Church. Chairman of the Committee which arranged for Hughes' appearance was Dr. Mildred Babcock, Associate Professor of Primary Education of Akron University. Vice Chairman was Mr. Mercer Bratcher, of the Ohio State Employment Service.

Spearheads of publicity against Hughes, when it became known that he was to speak, were the Rev. William Denton, the Rev. Dallas Billington of Akron Baptist Temple, and Attorney-at-Law Clair Trunick, who investigated Hughes' record.

Arrangements had been made first to have Hughes speak in the auditorium of the Akron YWCA. When the facts became known, his appearance was cancelled by the YWCA executive committee. Then the place was shifted to the South High School, only to be cancelled over again, this time by Supt. of Schools Otis C. Hatton. Last he was refused the hall of the Goodrich Local No. 5, United Rubber Workers (CIO). Polskey's book store returned Hughes' books to the publishers, and the Poet of Marxism left town.

According to observers on the scene, the Akron *Beacon-Journal* first published material favorable to Hughes, then, backtracking, tried to explain it away. "Apparently no one in the council's inner circle," it said at last, "knew much about Hughes' political background until ten days ago when some one scrawled the word 'Communist' across a Hughes poster on the bulletin board of the public library."

Commenting upon this quotation, wrote an NEC member in Akron:

"Now about our public library. . . . While at the main city library I asked the girl at the desk in the department where the general business periodicals are kept, if they took the National Economic Council reports. She had not heard of them, but asked Mr. Otto Pragan. Pragan said, 'Yes, we take them.'

I said I would like to consult same. Pragan said, 'We don't keep them.' I asked what they did with them. Pragan said, 'We throw them away.' When asked 'Why?' he replied that they did not think them of any value. . . .

"Mrs. Otto Pragan had charge of selling the tickets for Langston Hughes' speech!"

The Speaks-for- Itself Department

Wire sent to six Senators, April 7th:

PAUL HOFFMAN, NOMINATED FOR HEAD OF ERP, IS ABLE BUT HAS A RECORD STRONGLY TINGED WITH SOCIALISM. MYERS, RESEARCH DIRECTOR OF CED [Committee for Economic Development] OF WHICH HOFFMAN IS HEAD, WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED BOTH WITH HARRY HOPKINS AND WALLACE. OTHERS ON CED STAFF HAVE BEEN STRONGLY LEFT WING. CED REPORTS LIKE THAT ENTITLED "JOBS AND MARKETS" REFLECT VIEWS INCONSISTENT WITH AMERICAN TRADITION. WITH HOFFMAN AS HEAD OF ERP, SOCIALISM IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE GREATLY ADVANCED, THUS THREATENING AMERICAN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. I EARNESTLY URGE THAT HOFFMAN'S APPOINTMENT LIE OVER A FEW DAYS SO THAT SENATE CAN INFORM ITSELF ABOUT HIM AND HIS PHILOSOPHY. AM MAILING YOU DOCUMENT BEARING ON HOFFMAN.—MERWIN K. HART, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

Note: The Senate, by a unanimous vote, confirmed Hoffman as ERP administrator in an action surprising and unprecedented for speed, while the NEC telegram was still on the wires.

Quotation of the Month:

"The size of the Communist Party is relatively unimportant because of the enthusiasm and iron-clad discipline under which they operate. In this connection it might be of interest to observe that in 1917 when the Communists overthrew the Russian Government there was one Communist for every 2,277 persons in Russia. In the United States today there is one Communist for every 1,814 persons in the country."—J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

TOP SECRET OPINION ON MARSHALL PLAN

In spite of the unhappy inability of General George C. Marshall to remember on the witness stand where he was the night before Pearl Harbor, the socialistic New Deal Clique has lauded his ability, knowledge and wisdom to the skies.

In addition, the plan for subsidizing European socialism variously called after General Marshall or the European Recovery Program, has been sold to the American people and the Congress as the exactly calculated program of experts studying the desperate needs of the recipient countries.

It has been reported to NEC upon unimpeachable authority that, during the last few weeks (after all the testimony on The Plan had been taken by Congressional committees), General Marshall was a guest at a dinner given by some fifty congressmen.

After General Marshall had made a speech, he answered questions. One of them was, "Why is Ireland down to receive money under this plan?"

The General did not hear the question, and the congressman repeated it. Thereupon, the General hesitated a moment, turned to a congressman sitting near him whom he knew well, and asked in a low voice:

"Is Ireland included in this plan, and for how much?"

Yet Walter Lippmann, in his column of April 1st, speaks almost in bated breath of the ability and leadership of General Marshall; calls the inclusion by the House of Spain in the ERP "a diplomatic disaster," and as being "instigated by military men in ruthless disregard of the considered views of the Department of State."

Note for information of the Secretary of State: Ireland is included in the "Marshall Plan" to the tune of \$497,000,000 of the money of American taxpayers. But you have so many Big Things on your mind, General, that we can overlook your not having heard of some of these little things. . . .

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